

Metropolitan King County Council Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

Notice of Special Meetings

Review of the 2005 Executive Proposed Budget

Each year the King County Executive prepares a proposed budget for the following year. The County Charter requires that the Executive transmit that budget to the Council in early October. The Council then analyzes the Executive's proposal, holds public hearings, makes changes to the proposal, and votes on its adoption. By tradition, the Council adopts the budget in the week before Thanksgiving.

On October 11th, County Executive Ron Sims will present his 2005 Proposed Budget to the County Council. The proposed budget will be available at http://www.metrokc.gov/Budget/2005/Proposed. The Council will spend the remainder of October and most of November reviewing the Executive's proposal. This year, Budget and Fiscal Management Committee (BFM) Chair Larry Gossett and Vice-Chairs Dow Constantine and David Irons have organized the reviewing of the budget into three panels: the Healthy and Safe Communities Panel, the Healthy Environment and Mobility Panel and the Leadership and Strategic Investments Panel. These panels will analyze the sections of the budget assigned to them and provide recommendations for changes to the full BFM Committee.

As the panel work begins, the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee will sponsor four public workshops in Kent, Issaquah, Shoreline and Seattle to receive public comment on the proposed budget. An overview of the 2005 Executive Proposed Budget will be provided at each meeting. You may address any budget issue at any of the four workshops.

* * Public Workshops

Tuesday, October 12, 2004 - KENT King County Regional Justice Center 401 Fourth Avenue N, Courtroom 3F, Kent, WA 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Getting There:

Traveling from I-5 South: Take the Kent/Des Moines Exit (Exit #149). Go eastbound all the way down a long hill to the bottom stop light at the intersection of Meeker St. Turn left on Meeker (approximately 1 mile later). Turn left on Washington and go to James Street. Turn right on James and go under an overpass. (St. Rte 167). From the right lane cross railroad tracks and enter either the NW entrance for deliveries or proceed to a sign which directs to the RJC parking garage.

<u>Thursday, October 14, 2004 - SHORELINE</u> Shoreline Conference Center, Spartan Room 18560 1st Avenue NE, Shoreline, WA 98155 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Getting There:

- Traveling from I-5 North: Take NE 175th St. (exit #176 for Shoreline). Turn left onto NE 175th St. and go to Meridian Ave. N. Turn right onto Meridian Ave. N and go to N. 185th St. Turn right on N. 185th and go to 1st Ave. NE. Turn left on 1st Ave. NE The Shoreline Center is on your right. (You are at the South end of the center).
- Traveling from I-5 South: Take NE 205th St. Lake Forest Park (exit #177). Exit Westbound (right). Turn right on to NE 205th and go to 1st Ave. NE. Turn left on 1st Ave. NE and continue South for .5 mile. The Shoreline Center will be on your left. (You are at the North end of the center).

Thursday, October 21, 2004 - ISSAQUAH Issaquah High School (Commons)
565 NW Holly Street, Issaquah, WA 98027-2899
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Getting There:

• Traveling from I-90 Eastbound: Take Exit #17. Turn right onto Front Street. Continue through downtown Issaquah and turn left at Sunset Way. Turn right on Second Avenue and continue for approximately .7 miles. The school is on the left.

Wednesday, October 27, 2004 - SEATTLE
King County Courthouse, 10th Floor Council Chambers
516 Third Avenue, Seattle, WA
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Getting There:

Traveling from I-5: Take the James Street exit and head down the hill. The King County
Courthouse is located at the corner of Third and James. Be advised that parking opportunities in
downtown Seattle are limited!!

In addition, the Council will take official public testimony regarding the 2005 Budget over the Internet. The Council's Internet website also provides access to the Executive's Proposed Budget, Council budget news, and Council review information and contacts. Please visit the Council's home page at: www.metrokc.gov/mkcc and look for links to the budget information starting October 11, 2004.

You may also call the Council Hotline at (206) 296-1688 for general information regarding the budget and scheduled CTV broadcast of these public workshops. For additional information about night meetings, contact Angelica Vazquez at (206) 296-1661.